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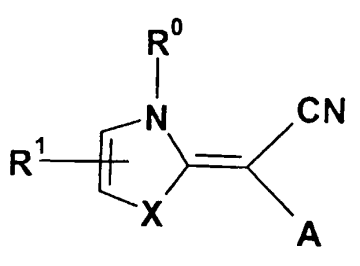
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(57) Abstract: The present invention is related to azole derivatives notably for use as pharmaceutically active compounds, as well as to pharmaceutical formulations containing such azole derivatives. Said azole derivatives are modulators of the protein kinase signalling pathways, particularly the one involving c-Jun N-terminal kinase and/or Glycogen Kinase Synthase 3. The present invention is furthermore related to novel azole derivatives as well as to methods of their preparation. X is O, S or NR⁰, with R⁰ being H or an unsubstituted or substituted C₁-C₆ alkyl; A is 2-pyridyl, 3-pyridyl, 4-pyridyl, pyridazinyl, pyrimidinyl, pyrazinyl or triazinyl group.